

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 7, 9, 11, 14, 15, 17 to 19, 22, 26, 27, 29 and 30 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 1, 4 and 10 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An information processing method of recording or accumulating job log information on a job issued from a client computer to an image forming apparatus, comprising:

an acquisition step of acquiring the job log information from the client computer or the image forming apparatus, wherein the job log information includes driver information and port information, the driver information identifying a driver program which is performed in the client computer and generates the issued job;

a driver information acquisition step of acquiring the driver information from the job log information acquired in the acquisition step;

a port information acquisition step of acquiring the port information from the job log information acquired in the acquisition step:

a determination step of determining whether or not to record or accumulate the job log information acquired in the acquisition step, in accordance with a determination as to whether or not at least one of the driver information acquired in the driver information acquisition step and the port information acquired in the port information acquisition step is registered in a non-recording target database; and

a recording/accumulation step of recording or accumulating the job log information determined in the determination step to be recorded or accumulated,

wherein[[,] said at least one of the driver information and the port information registered in the non-recording target database are used for specifying job log information corresponding in the determination step, it is determined by using the driver information that the job log information related to an issued job which is not accompanied by a printout and should not be recorded or accumulated,

wherein the driver information related to a driver used for outputting a PDF file to the client computer or an external device is registered in the non-recording target database, and wherein the port information indicating that a job is output to a device which does not have a printing function is registered in the non-recording target database.

2. and 3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1[[2]], wherein the image forming apparatus to which the job log information has been issued is specified in accordance with the port information acquired by the port information acquisition step.

6. to 9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1[[7]], further comprising a registration step of registering in the non-recording target database a condition of job log information not to be recorded or accumulated.

11. (Canceled) The method according to claim 1, wherein, in the determination step, whether to record or accumulate the job log information is determined on the basis of whether the job log information acquired in the acquisition step coincides with a condition contained in a recording database prepared in advance.

12. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein, in the recording/accumulation step, the job log information determined in the determination step to be recorded is recorded in a database in a searchable format.

13. to 20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) An information processing server which records or accumulates job log information on a job issued to an image forming apparatus from a client computer connected to a network, comprising:

an acquisition unit configured to acquire the job log information from the client computer or the image forming apparatus wherein the job log information includes driver information and port information, the driver information identifying a driver program which is performed in the client computer and generates the issued job;

a driver information acquisition unit for acquiring the driver information from the job log information acquired from the acquisition unit;

a port information acquisition unit for acquiring the port information from the job log information acquired by the acquisition unit;

a determination unit configured to determine whether or not to record the job log information acquired by said acquisition unit, in accordance with a determination as to whether or not at least one of the driver which generates data of the issued job and the port information acquired in the port information acquisition unit is registered in a non-recording target database; and

a recording/accumulation unit configured to record or accumulate the job log information determined by said determination unit to be recorded or accumulated,

wherein[[,]] said at least one of the driver information and the port information registered in the non-recording target database are used for specifying job log information corresponding in the determination step, it is determined by using the driver information that the job log information related to an issued job which is not accompanied by printout and should not be recorded or accumulated,

wherein the driver information related to a driver used for outputting a PDF file to the client computer or an external device is registered in the non-recording target database, and wherein the port information indicating that a job is output to a device which does not have a printing function is registered in the non-recording target database.

22. to 24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer-executable program for managing job information on a job issued from a client computer to an image forming apparatus, wherein the program causes a computer to execute:

an acquisition step of acquiring the job log information from the client computer or the image forming apparatus, wherein the job log information includes driver information and port information, the driver information identifying a driver program which is performed in the client computer and generates the issued job;

a driver information acquisition step of acquiring the driver information from the job log information acquired in the acquisition step;

a port information acquisition step of acquiring the port information from the job log information acquired in the acquisition step;

a determination step of determining whether or not to record or accumulate the job log information acquired in the acquisition step, in accordance with a determination as to whether or not at least one of the driver information acquired in the driver information acquisition step and the port information acquired in the port information acquisition step is registered in a non-recording target database; and

a recording/accumulation step of recording or accumulating the job log information determined in the determination step to be recorded or accumulated,

wherein[[,]] said at least one of the driver information and the port information registered in the non-recording target database are used for specifying job log information corresponding in the determination step, it is determined by using the driver information that the job log information related to an issued job which is not accompanied by a printout and should not be recorded or accumulated.

wherein the driver information related to a driver used for outputting a PDF file to the client computer or an external device is registered in the non-recording target database, and

wherein the port information indicating that a job is output to a device which does not have a printing function is registered in the non-recording target database.

26. and 27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein, in the recording/accumulation step, job log information determined in the determination step to be accumulated is extracted and accumulated from pieces of acquired job log information, and grasp of the number of output pages or charging of an output job is performed.

29. and 30. (Canceled)